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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, FR, OVIP (GALLEY, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: GALLEY VISIT WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

REF: STATE 154994

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY BELIEVES INVITATION FROM SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO MOD GALLEY TO VISIT US WOULD BE EXCELLENT IDEA. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE GALLEY WANTS TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL RAPPORT WITH SEC DEF ALONG LINES OF LAIRD-DEBRE RELATIONSHIP. IF CONVENIENT TO SEC DEF, GALLEY'S STAFF THINKS SEPTEMBER 25 WOULD BE GOOD TIME FOR WASHINGTON VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. AT A TIME WHEN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND US DEMONSTRATE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FRICTION, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP OUR BILATERAL DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS ON THE RELATIVELY COOPERATIVE BASIS THAT HAS EXISTED OVER PAST FEW YEARS. WE FULLY SUPPORT IDEA OF EARLY MMETING BETWEEN NEW SEC DEF AND NEW FRENCH MOD TO ESTABLISH THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP THAT IS SO IMPORTANT TO MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING DEFENSE COOPERATION.

3. AS WE HAVE REPORTED (SEE PARIS 21463 LIMDIS, FOR EXAMPLE) FRANCE IS IN PROCESS OF SEARCHING RE-EXAMINATION OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE QUESTION, PROMPTED IN PART BY US-USSR RAPPROCHEMENT, BUT ALSO BY RAPIDLY EVOLVING POLITICAL SCENE IN EUROPE AS EXEMPLIFIED BY FRG SUCCESSES IN OSTPOLITIK, GROWING PRESSURES FOR POLITICAL HARMONIZATION WITHIN THE EC AND NEGOTIATIONS SUCH  
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AS CSCE AND MBFR. IN THIS PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY OVER THE FUTURE

DIRECTION OF FRENCH DEFENSE PLANNING, WE BELIEVE VISIT TO US BY GALLEY WOULD OFFER UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO US TO UNDERLINE TO FRENCH OUR VIEWS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY EQUATION, THUS OBTAINING GREATEST POSSIBLE IMPACT ON FRENCH DECISIONS IN THIS PERIOD OF FLUX.

4. AS SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL, WE HAVE SOUNDED OUT GALLEY'S STAFF ON IDEA OF VISIT. WE WERE INFORMED AUGUST 22 BY GALLEY'S STAFF THAT THEY ARE CERTAIN GALLEY WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION FROM SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO VISIT THE US IN SEPTEMBER.

5. IF IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, GALLEY'S STAFF BELIEVES THAT FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GALLEY:

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23 GALLEY ARRIVES AT NEW YORK VIA  
AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 017 FROM PARIS

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24 VISIT TO US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 MEET IN WASHINGTON WITH SEC DEF  
AND OTHER SENIOR US REPRESENTATIVES

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 DEPART WASHINGTON FOR PARIS  
OR  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

6. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT GALLEY COULD NOT LEAVE FRANCE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 23 BECAUSE OF THE FIRST ROUND OF FRENCH CANTONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THAT DAY.

7. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MME. GALLEY DOES NOT ORDINARILY ACCOMPANY THE MINISTER ON VISITS OF THIS SORT. WE ESTMATE THAT THE GALLEY PARTY WOULD TOTAL ABOUT 6-7, INCLUDING THE MINISTER.

8. RE POSSIBLE VISIT TO US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 24, WE SUGGEST GALLEY BE OFFERED SEVERAL OPTIONS, INCLUDING VISIT TO NUCLEAR INSTALLATION SUCH AS SSBN BASE AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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9. WE ASSUME THAT ALL TRAVEL BY GALLEY PARTY IN US WOULD BE PROVIDED BY DOD, STARTING WITH NEW YORK PICK-UP SEPTEMBER 23.

10. SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INCLUDING GEN. JOHN DONALDSON (DEFENSE ATTACHE) AND FSO MARVIN HEMPHREYS (EMB. POL/MIL OFFICER) IN VISIT TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP.

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